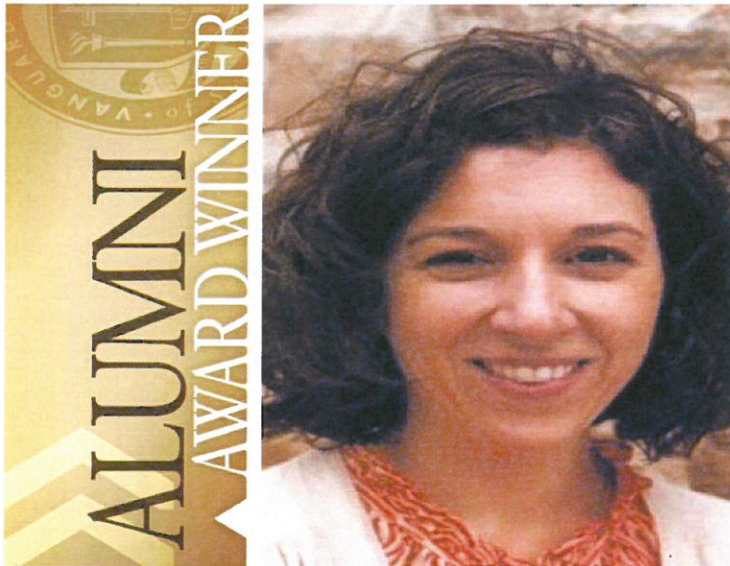




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**Erin Donovan Alumni of the Year, Vanguard University**



HopeSprings is proud to announce that Erin Donovan was named a Vanguard University of Southern California 2016 Alumni of the Year Award Winner. Vanguard University (VU) is a regionally-ranked, private, Christian University of liberal arts and professional studies. Vanguard equips students for a Spirit-empowered life of Christ-centered leadership and service.

Erin is the Executive Director of HopeSprings, an organization that seeks to awaken, equip, and engage the faith community by building capacity within HIV Service Providers, utilizing thousands of

volunteers annually from 100+ churches throughout the Baltimore Region. Volunteers are engaged in testing and linkage to care efforts, meal delivery and assistance, housing programs and life skills training. In addition, 8-10 volunteers are placed around HIV+ brothers and sisters that are living in poverty, to create and implement life plans addressing social determinants of health as well as retention in care and adherence to medication. Alleviating poverty to live better with HIV is a groundbreaking approach to addressing the holistic needs of our brothers and sisters who are HIV+.

After graduating from Vanguard University, Donovan served in the public and private sectors for 11 years, living in East Africa for three of those years. She has consulted for Small Business Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and the U.S. Department of Labor.

Donovan is the Chair of Johns Hopkins Center for AIDS Research Community Participatory Advisory Board, sits on the Mayor's HIV/AIDS Commission for the City of Baltimore co-chairing the Faith Work group, and serves on the Board of the Presbyterian AIDS Network.

Erin has a wonderful, supportive husband named Brian, and 2 children, Keegan and Kaylee.

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